

AFFAIRS AT SOUTH OMAHA

Contracting Work Held Up Owing to Question of Charter Validity.

WOULD AWAIT LEGISLATURE

City Attorney Declares Trouble Brought About by Contractor's Fight in First Place—May Cut Police Force.

In view of the fact that the present administration owes its existence to the invalidation of one of the new amendments to the city charter, there is a question whether the other amendments may not be equally void, in consequence of the doubtfulness of the matter it appears that all contracting work insofar as paving and grading is concerned will be held up for the next year or until the supreme court shall have decided the mooted point whether the other amendments shall stand the test of legality.

Mayor Tom Hoctor has recognized the serious aspect of the case and in his message recommended that the question of the validity of the charter amendments be settled without delay.

Since the election the question has been brought to the city attorney's office and that department has adopted the policy of leaving the matter to solve itself in accordance with the wishes of the taxpayers of the city.

Said County Attorney H. C. Murphy yesterday: "It appears to me that the trouble and consequent delay in paving matters was brought about by a contractor's fight. The result of that fight was the invalidation of certain sections of the city charter. I think that many taxpayers of the city would be just as well pleased to have a year's rest from further paving and grading. If, however, the contractors want to go forward with the work, let them take the matter to the supreme court and threaten it out. The city attorney's office should not be expected to act as a cat's paw to draw chestnuts out of the fire for paving or grading contractors."

As a matter of fact the feeling among most citizens is that the case may well be deferred to the decision of the next legislature, which will meet in January. It also appears that the same legislature will be called up to settle divers other points of the city charter. Citizens are beginning to look about for a set of representatives who will exert every effort to better the condition of the common people of the constituency.

to Cut Police Force.

Much for the same reason as last year the new administration will cut down the police force of the city. Already a shortage in the police and fire fund threatens and it is expected that the cut will be made Monday at the meeting of the fire and police board.

The appropriation for the police department amounts to about \$30,000 per annum and is supposed to carry something in the neighborhood of eighteen men. This number, notwithstanding the experience of last year, has been increased and the Fire and Police board finds itself facing another shortage. The sufferers, of course, will be the citizens who as things are, have insufficient police protection. The policemen themselves, especially those with families to support, will also be compelled to lie idle during the hot months of the summer.

The Saloon Problem.

It may be that the number of saloons in the Magic City will be reduced as a consequence of the resolution adopted March 11 by the Surety Bonding companies of Nebraska. The companies in question, it is understood, have agreed upon a flat rate of \$150 for a bond license and an indemnity bond of real estate valued at \$5,000 to be paid by each saloonkeeper of the city.

In defense of the saloonmen the breweries it is understood have offered to assist, but the Fire and Police board, in view of the trouble now on hand, as a result of the straw bonds of last year, will probably allow a few saloons to go out of existence rather than increase public criticism for their methods.

The matter will be settled within the next few days when the board shall have granted the licenses for the coming year to those applicants who are found worthy. Two of the principal saloons of the town have already changed hands. They are those of Otto Maurer at Twenty-fourth and J streets and Del Green at Twenty-fourth and N, which have passed into the hands of Joe Mallender and Tom Peterson of Manning, Ia. Mr. Peterson is a brother of ex-Councilman Peterson.

Spelling Match Winners.

Superintendent of Instruction, N. M. Graham has just completed the first round of spelling bees ever held in the South Omaha schools. Eleven schools tried out their best material in the orthographical line, and later, by process of elimination the championship among all the schools and the particular pupils will be determined. The winners:

Eighth Grade—Anna Pavlik, Brown Park; Ruth Kinsey, Lowell; Julia Fried, Central; Dorothy Anderson, Garfield.

Seventh Grade—Elsie Bush, West Side; Anna Lise, Jungmann; Sadie Rothholz, Lincoln; Grace Nye, Lowell; Rose Ford, Central; Emma Kaskel, Brown Park.

Sixth Grade—James Smith, Lowell; Anna Oliver, Highland; Leonard Zoberli, Jungmann; Felix Miller, Lincoln; Helen Jaka, Central; Barbara Scoville, Lincoln.

Fifth Grade—Dora Dubnoff, Highland; Ivy Miller, Garfield; Hazel Hibbard, Lowell; Elsie Stevens, Central; Elsie Drakos, Brown Park; Blanche Reba, Jungmann.

In order to give a chance to all the candidates to present their claims before the voters of South Omaha, the republicans of the city will hold a large meeting Tuesday night at the Redmen's hall. The republicans of the city are expected to be present at the meeting and some of the best speakers in the state will lend the charm of eloquence to the gathering.

President A. C. Pancoast and the officers of the club are insistent that a large crowd of republicans do honor to the visit of the candidates and voters.

An entertainment will be given by the members of Division 3, Ancient Order of Hibernians, at the Danish Brotherhood hall on Tuesday evening. The arrangements are being made by the entertainment committee of the division. P. A. Woods, T. M. Dowd and T. F. Keane and an elaborate program has been planned. All members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians applicants for membership at the coming initiation on May 6 and members of the Ladies' auxiliary with their families and friends are invited to attend.

Will Ask Change of Venue.

Attorneys H. C. Murphy and Elmer Burkett, who will represent Briggs, Trouton and Hyers at their trial for the killing of Roy Blunt, who was shot during the battle with the convicts, will ask a change of venue in the interests of their clients.

It is argued that under the present con-

dition of public opinion in Sarpy county a fair trial cannot be had and a change will be sought either to Nebraska City or Plattsmouth.

Magic City Gossip.

A. L. Bergquist, republican candidate for state representative.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Larkin announce the birth of a young son.

Atlas Cafe—Chicken dinner Sunday, 48c North Twenty-fourth.

Mrs. J. N. Williams entertained a few friends at luncheon Thursday.

The women of the Christian church will sell carnations on Mothers' day.

Family Sunday chicken dinner, Atlas Cafe, 48c North Twenty-fourth.

The Mothers' club will meet Friday afternoon with Mrs. A. L. Sutton.

For Rent—50 North Fifteenth, five-room cottage on car line, gas and electric, \$15.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Layton left Thursday for Stockton, Cal., their future home.

Chicken dinner 11:30, Atlas Cafe, 48c North Twenty-fourth.

Rev. Father Carroll and sister were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Considine last night.

Entre Nous club will give a dancing party Monday evening at Rushing hall, Twenty-fourth and J streets.

Miss Leonard of Cincinnati, O., and W. J. O'Brien of New York are the house guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Tagg.

Try the Atlas Sunday chicken dinner, 48c North Twenty-fourth.

Mr. and Mrs. Ora Ellis have returned to their home in Bloomfield, Ia., after a visit to Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Robb.

Suburban Homes—Five acres, eighteen acres, twenty-one acres, all improved tracts for sale or trade. A. W. Jones Co.

Boy Scouts—Best spring and summer shoes for boys. Sold only at Cressey's.

The Regalia club will give an entertainment and apron bazaar Friday evening, April 26, at the A. O. U. W. temple.

E. Vance, the young man who was thrown from a car at Forty-sixth and Q streets last Friday, is reported improved at his home.

Our Boys—Tan shoes or oxfords, from \$1.50 to \$2.00 pair will please you. Cressey's.

Mrs. C. M. Day, 108 North Twentieth street, has gone to Rochester, Minn., where she will undergo an operation at the Mayo hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Lott, sr., entertained at dinner at the Exchange cafe in honor of their thirtieth wedding anniversary. Covers for fifteen were laid.

Just Listed—A fine three-acre tract on Boulevard, near car line, fine view. A bargain. Might consider a good five-room cottage in exchange. A. W. Jones Co.

Mrs. James Murphy and her son, Charles, will leave today to join their husband and father, James Murphy, who, with his family, will henceforth reside in the city of Los Angeles.

White—Shoes and strap pumps, in canvas or tan buck, all styles for old or young. Cressey's.

Mrs. Franklin was hostess for the No. 20 club Friday afternoon. Prizes were won by Mesdames Franklin, Dennis, A. W. Tagg and Cline. The next meeting will be in two weeks with Mrs. Buren.

Mrs. Earl B. Brown will entertain the members of all the departments of the Century club at her home Tuesday afternoon. The hostess has a well arranged musical and literary program for the afternoon.

Byron Loomis, a millwright at the Updike motor, residing at 2101 N street, was badly shocked yesterday evening by coming in contact with a live wire at the Updike motor. He was revived by his fellow employees and sent to his home.

Men, Men—See our great line of oxfords in tan or black, all shapes. Best values shown from \$1 to \$4 pair. Cressey's.

Mrs. John Smith entertained at a beautiful appointed luncheon Monday in honor of Miss Mabel Mars, whose wedding to Lewis Loring was celebrated at high noon Thursday. The rooms were tastefully decorated in pink and white. Covers were laid for ten.

Mrs. A. J. Jaeger entertained at bridge Saturday afternoon at her home. Tables were placed for: Mesdames C. M. Schindler, Waddell, McCullough, Ben Elliott, A. P. Durkin, sr., A. P. Durkin, jr., A. L. Lott, sr., J. M. Caughey, Oliver, White, R. E. Schindler, McDowell and Sloan.

Comfort shoes and slippers for ladies; great line; just the kind for those aching feet. Cressey's.

The funeral of Mrs. Esther Sherman, who died Friday morning at her home on Thirty-sixth street, south of the county line, will be buried this afternoon at 1 o'clock from her late residence, Rev. C. H. Hiley will officiate and interment will be made in De Soto, Ia., where the body will be sent.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Tagg will give a luncheon this evening in honor of Bishop McGovern. Father Lee, Beaumont, Tex.; Father Kirwin, Galveston; Mr. and Mrs. P. J. McGill, Covington, Ky.; Miss Leonard, Cincinnati, O.; W. J. O'Brien, New York, and Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Owen.

If when gazing in my window, And a stunning hat you see, Don't say 'tis in the fifties, And you have not a see.

Walk in, you're quite as welcome As if you owned the earth. Rhymer's mission is to please you, It is not all for pet.

Miss Madge Sturrock entertained the Aloha club at her home Saturday afternoon. The members are: Misses Clara Barnum, Kathleen Walsh, Margaret Walsh, Francis Tanner, Pearl Lavery, Abbie Lake, Ola Alsworth, Hazel Cook, Helen White, Adel Davis, Maurine Murdoch and Madge Sturrock.

Mrs. Ben Elliott entertained at bridge Friday afternoon at her home. Four tables were placed for the players. Those present were: Mesdames A. P. Durkin, sr., A. P. Durkin, jr., G. J. Ames, A. L. Lott, sr., J. M. Caughey, Pinnell, Waddell, D. L. Holmes, L. M. Lord, McNair, J. J. Tanner, A. J. Jaeger, McDowell and C. M. Schindler.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Owen entertain at an informal dinner today for Bishop McGovern at their home. Covers will be laid for Bishop McGovern, Father Lee, Beaumont, Tex.; Father Kirwin, Galveston; Mr. and Mrs. P. J. McGill, Covington, Ky.; Miss Leonard, Cincinnati, O.; Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Tagg and Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Owen.

Arthur C. Pancoast, only republican candidate for State Senator residing in South Omaha, Primaries April 29th.

Mr. and Mrs. Clara Orchard entertained the O. T. W. club at their suburban home Saturday evening. The guests of the club were: Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Schindler and Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Francisco. The members are: Messrs. and Mesdames N. B. Bryson, W. Bavinger, Vernon Mann, Thomas Parker, Cory-Bulla, H. C. Marling and C. Orchard.

Mrs. Bruce McCullough gave a bridge party Wednesday afternoon in honor of Mrs. Waddell, mother of Mrs. C. H. Schindler. Tables were placed for: Mesdames Waddell, C. M. Schindler, A. L. Lott, sr., Caughey, Pinnell, Sloan, Cook, Ames, Jaeger, McDowell, Durkin, sr., Durkin, jr., Elliott, Fred Etter, R. E. Schindler and D. L. Holmes.

Mesdames J. V. Miller and William Nelson entertained at cards Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. Miller. Prizes were won by Mr. and Mrs. Campbell and Frank Van Sant. Places were arranged for Messrs. and Mesdames Campbell, A. D. Majors, I. L. Van Sant, Frank Van Sant, Greene, Early, Pack, Miller, Nieman, and Miss Iva Clark and John Campbell.

Mrs. A. N. Howe entertained the Stitches club at her home, 1326 North Twenty-seventh street, Friday evening, when those present were: Misses Mary Sagant, Nina McWilliams, Florence Miller, Frances Case, Myrtle Taylor, Carrie Anderson, Mae Bergquist, Irene Thomas, Stella Holmes, Georgia Howe, Flora Robinson, Mesdames Lee and Anna Nistrum.

Mrs. E. J. Connell entertained the Standard Bearer and Baraca class at her home Tuesday evening. Some fine musical numbers were given by Miss Adel Davis and Jean Lee and Howard Foot.

Those present were: Misses Adel Davis, Clara Barnum, Hazel Cook, Monetta Lee, Flora Robinson, Anna Nistrum, Marion Dennis, Blanche Robinson and Jean Lee and Messrs. Harold Lee and Ruff and Howard Foot.

Friday evening the professors of the high school faculty, including Messrs. Cummings, Lee, Boswell, Vococok, Johnson, gave a 7 o'clock dinner at the Atlas cafe in honor of the basket ball team. Speeches in praise of the spirit and success that marked the career of the team were given to the echo of much applause. Shirley Menefee was chosen captain of the team for next year. Those present were: John Collins, Ralph Lyman, Edward Fittle, John Nixon, Shirley

Menefee, Frank Foley, John Ward, William Woolley and Dean Robertson.

The Neighborhood Card club was entertained Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Schindler. Five tables were placed for the players. The members are: Messrs. and Mesdames W. W. Fisher, C. M. Schindler, John Smith, F. Prucha, H. G. Pike, J. Bateman, J. Michaelson, Allen Todley, Rurt Anderson, Swingle, James Trimble, R. E. Schindler, J. G. Martin, Howard Heyman and Edgar Smith.

Mrs. John Pitts Roberts gave a whist party at her home, 2000 North Twenty-fourth street, Saturday afternoon. Seven tables of players were present. The guest list included: Mesdames Root, I. L. Van Sant, F. G. Kellogg, Ralston, J. D. Adkins, Tyler Bryson, Jameson, Farris, J. Lavery, R. M. Lavery, J. G. Harris, Omaha; A. D. Nairnott, Omaha; O. J. Ames, Frank Jones, Rurt Blanchard, Sears, A. H. Murdoch, T. H. Ensor, E. A. Rose, D. L. Holmes, C. H. Marling, J. J. Brown, Hayitt, C. Howe and Miss Jesse Robeson.

A pleasant surprise was given to Mrs. William Swaney and Mrs. Charles Allstadt at the home of the latter, 1233 North Twenty-fourth street, in honor of their birthdays Monday. Those present were: Mesdames: Thomas Alton, Hopkins, Henry Elsfelder, Charles Knight, Quinlan, John Peterson, C. L. Allstadt, Kroonins, Frank Belden, Heyman, Kato, M. Callahan, Fisher, Basset, Gallo-way, Charles Sively, J. M. McCarthy, Banister, John Peterson, C. L. Allstadt, William Swaney and George Vickers. Misses Grace Burroughs and Edna Alstadt. In a pie contest Mrs. Charles Sively won the first prize and Mrs. Quinlan, consolation.

Ben R. Vardaman, associate editor of the Merchant's Trade Journal and a well known lecturer and writer, will be the principal speaker Monday night at the annual banquet of the night classes of the Young Men's Christian association in their building. The banquet is scheduled to be the most pretentious affair of this kind ever held by the classes.

The dinner will be at 5:15 o'clock and an excellent program has been prepared by Messrs. F. E. Miller, C. E. Hatt, William Nachess, Guy Beckett and O. G. Franke, the program committee. The Immanuel orchestra will furnish music. W. H. Hunt will be toastmaster. The theme will be "Salesmanship and Advertising."

Some of the toasts are: "Concrete Reinforcements in Character Building," A. M. Sorenson; "Truth in Advertising," R. O. Babcock; "Reinforcements of the 1911 Class," C. O. Marshall; "Ads I Have Met," A. L. Gale; Epigrams," F. W. Heron; "Salesmanship, Advertising and the Young Men's Christian Association," E. F. Denton; "Advantages of Training in Selling," Philip Schwartz; "Suggestions Applied," Ben R. Vardaman, and the presentation of certificates.

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HEART ATTACK TAKES BAKER

Superintendent of Bee Building Expires Construction Dies at 80.

GOVERNMENT HONORS WORTH

Employs Him on Reconstruction Work on Old Postoffice Building, Fort Robinson and Other Big Works.

R. W. Baker, aged 80 years, superintendent of The Bee building ever since its construction, died of heart trouble at 10 o'clock Saturday night at his home, 3003 Mason street.

Mr. Baker had been ailing for the last two months, but had been able to continue with his work and hated to leave the post he had held so long. Monday morning while at work in his office he was stricken with an attack of heart failure and was taken to his home, where he has been confined to his bed gradually growing weaker.

Mr. Baker was born in New Bedford, Mass., in 1832. He spent his childhood in the home town and attended the public schools there. He learned the construction business and left New Bedford a trained builder and natural leader of men, his ability early being recognized.

When construction of the Bee building was begun S. S. Beeman of Milwaukee was the architect and contractor. Business took him from Omaha and he sent his best assistant, R. W. Baker, to complete the work. It was Mr. Baker who saw the building constructed in the most substantial manner.

It was in 1888 that Mr. Baker came to Omaha and after the completion of the building he was employed by Edward Rosewater as superintendent. This has been his work since that time, except for a few periods, when he was called by the government to superintend some construction and reconstruction work.

Mr. Baker had charge of the remodeling of the old postoffice building in Omaha when it was converted into headquarters for